

Before the ^{SECTION 63.71}
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)
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 Section 63.71 Application of)
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 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)
 dba AT&T Southwest)
 For Authority Pursuant to Section 63.71 of the)
 Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.17,)
 To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

FILED/ACCEPTED
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 Federal Communications Commission
 Office of the Secretary

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
 SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Southwest (AT&T Southwest) requests authority under Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue Self-healing Transport Network Service (STN) Volume Options 36 & 48. As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T Southwest provides the following information in support of its discontinuance request:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

AT&T Southwest, 23500 Northwestern Hwy, Bldg A, Southfield, MI 48075

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T Southwest intends to discontinue offering service to new customers on or after December 15, 2009, subject to Commission authorization to discontinue the service pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

AT&T Southwest will continue to provide this service to existing customers until their contract expires or they are migrated to another service offering.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

AT&T Southwest will discontinue STN Volume Options 36 and 48 in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

Self-healing Transport Networks (STN) provides dedicated digital transport service from two or more customer specified access nodes over AT&T's shared infrastructure. STN provides premises-to-premises arrangements or premises-to-hub arrangements for interconnection to other AT&T Southwest Access Services with transmission speeds of 1.544 Mbps or greater. STNs are typically constructed in a ring configuration which provides redundant transmission over separate physical facilities.

Due to market forces, AT&T Southwest's STN service at volume options 36 and 48 has reached the end of its product life cycle and has been superseded in the market by AT&T Southwest's SONET Dedicated Ring Service (DSRS), which offers more robust feature alternatives than STN and is provided at lower rates. As a result, AT&T Southwest plans to streamline its product portfolio accordingly.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T Southwest notified its customers by letter sent via US Mail on September 25, 2009. A copy of the customer notification is appended hereto as Attachment A.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

In its provision of STN services, AT&T Southwest is considered a dominant carrier.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Toni Acton, AT&T Services, Inc., Director – Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of AT&T Southwest's STN service with volume options 36 and 48 because AT&T Southwest provides alternative service arrangements that provide more robust feature alternatives at lower rates. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue STN service at volume options 36 and 48.

Respectfully submitted,

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September 28, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lacreteria Hill, certify that I have this September 28, 2009 served a copy of the foregoing
Section 63.71 Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company by U.S. Mail postage
prepaid to the following:

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Attachment A



September 25, 2009



Subject: AT&T Southwest – Discontinuance of Self-healing Transport Network (STN) Volume Options 36 & 48

Re: [Redacted]

Dear Telecom Manager:

Effective December 15, 2009, subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Self-healing Transport Network (STN) Service - Volume Options 36 & 48, [Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Section 19], provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and AT&T Texas (collectively, "AT&T Southwest"), will no longer be available to new customers in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Customers with STN Volume Options 36 & 48 will be limited to existing service and quantities at existing locations. AT&T Southwest will not accept any requests for additions, partial disconnections, moves, upgrades or changes to STN Volume Options 36 & 48.

Customers may convert their existing Volume Options 36 or 48 to Dedicated SONET Ring Service (DSRS) without incurring the Termination Liability as stated in Part 9, Section 29(F) of the Interstate Guidebook. AT&T Southwest will continue to support any Customer Contracts currently in effect until Contract expiration. At Contract expiration, customers will not be able to renew the service under Contract. Customers with existing Volume Options 36 and/or 48 will not be able to add access nodes, reconfigure the ring, or move access nodes. They may continue to add additional Digital Transmission Links (DTLs) and Interfaces at current Tariff rates. Customers at lower Volume Options, 3, 6, 12, 24, will not be permitted to upgrade to Volume Options 36 or 48.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the \$63.71 Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Southwest. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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You are receiving this letter because AT&T Southwest records indicate that you have one or more of the STN Volume Options 36 or 48 services. AT&T offers a variety of service options that are excellent substitutes for the STN Volume Options 36 and 48 that provide robust service features and should meet your communications needs. AT&T would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your communications provider, and we sincerely hope to continue serving your communication needs. Please contact your Account Manager at your earliest possible convenience to discuss alternate service options.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

AT&T Southwest
c/o Steven Melchor
23500 Northwestern Hwy, Bldg A
Southfield, MI 48075